

It is my understanding that the FCC is supporting the development of "Broadband over Power Line" (BPL) technology. It is also my understanding that the FCC is also aware of the substantial interference that will be caused on the Amateur Radio bands as well as the reluctance of the FCC to regulate the upcoming technology. I will not stand for this. I did not work hard to study to take a test and become licensed by the FCC to communicate through the Amateur Radio bands just to have the license become useless and unusable because of this new technology. I know that my opinion does not amount to much compared to a government agency but, consider the damage that will be done in the event of the need for a disaster net on the HF bands. There will be no more nets because nothing will be heard but the interference caused by the "Broadband over Power Line" signal. In the event that there is another "9-11" and there is the need to allocate frequencies for the relief nets, once again, there will be no nets because nothing will be heard on the HF bands but the interference caused by the "Broadband over Power Line" signals. It is also my understanding that the interference would be heard as high as the 2 Meter band. If this is so, then in the event that there is severe weather anywhere in the country, there will not be any SKYWARN nets that could take place simply because there will be no ability to hear anything on the frequencies except for the "Broadband over Power Line" interference. Everyone would be forced to move to higher frequencies in order to communicate. I do not consider that as an option! Correct me if I am wrong but, doesn't the FCC frown upon anything that causes interference to any electronic device? What happened to the regulations that would prevent this type of interference? What happened to the FCC at least acting like they were willing to help interference problems? What happened to the FCC at least acting like they worked with Amateur Radio operators? If this goes unregulated and the interference destroys the HF bands, then I will feel like the FCC has not only let me down but has let down the entire Amateur Radio community. The FCC might as well auction off all the HF bands at that point, but wait, who would want to bid on a band that is completely covered by interference to the point where the band is useless? The HF bands would become a wasteland of unusable frequencies that not one person would benefit from using.

I pray that you consider this before allowing the interference to start. I am not against new and upcoming technologies. I am against technologies that are implemented without making sure that it does not adversely effect communications in other ways than through the technology itself.